Putting MQTT in your toolkit

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Interaction Patterns

Client driven queries

Client

Server

Data

Data

Client

Server driven data distribution

Server



Real Time Event Strategies

- Client Polling
 - Easy to implement
 - Really inefficient 99+% noop
- HTTP Long Poll
 - Keep HTTP socket open, block on requests
 - Heavy server resource usage
- Websockets
 - Connected sockets in web browser

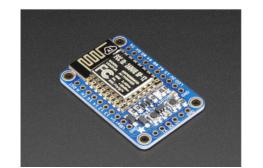
- Webhooks
 - Register callback URL
 - Need highly available "catcher" service
 - Only available for service owners
- MQTT / AMQP
 - Optimized pub/sub systems
 - Web client support requires bridging



What is MQTT?



- MQTT history
 - Created in 1999 by IBM & Cirrus Link, OASIS standard since 2013
 - Publish / Subscribe paradigm that requires a message broker
 - Designed for a "small code footprint" and "limited network bandwidth"
- Cloud IoT Services based on MQTT
 - Google IoT Core https://cloud.google.com/iot-core/
 - IBM Watson IoT https://www.ibm.com/internet-of-things/
 - Amazon IoT https://aws.amazon.com/iot-platform
 - Microsoft Azure IoT https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/iot-hub/
- Open Source Servers / Clients everywhere
 - Notable ESP8266
 - PubSubClient Arduino MQTT implementation





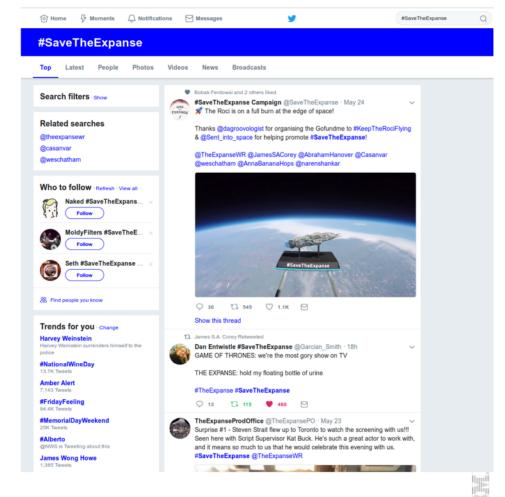
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- Common message bus
- Everyone can publish to it
- Messages directed to topics
- Consumers subscribe to specific topics (possibly by wildcard)
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Mosquitto

- Open Source by Eclipse Foundation
- Written in C / highly performant
- Packaged for most Linux distros
- Includes CLI tools for pub/sub
- https://mosquitto.org/





MQTT Message Format

QoS	Reta	in Topic	Payload
0,1,2	0,1	220 characters	Any content, up to 2 GB

- QoS 0 best effort, 1 deliver at least once, 2 deliver exactly once
- Retain content will be stored on the server, replayed on connect, defaults to not stored
- Topic name for message, / are special
- Payload anything, 2 GB payload limit

Note: no metadata on packets (like time sent), must put it in payload manually



Example sensible topic schema

{app name}/{location}/{device type}/{sensor type}/{reading type}

Allows the following subscriptions:

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{app name}/{location}/# - see everything at a location {app name}/+/+/{sensor type}/+ - see all particulate sensors
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MQTT Wills

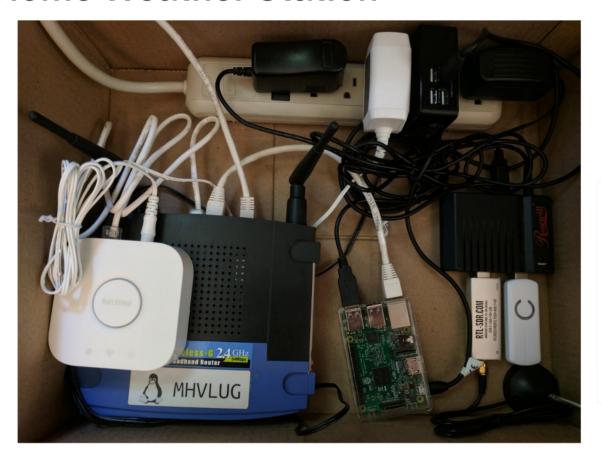
- Event based system messages only sent when event happens
- If nothing is sent, is the client healthy with no new data, or did it disappear?
- Clients ca set a "Will" on client connect
 - a message stored in the server that will be sent if the socket connection to the client breaks
 - building block for fault tolerance



Example Applications

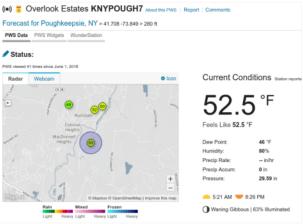


Home Weather Station



Bill of Materials

- Raspberry Pi 3
- RTL-SDR
- Oregon Scientific Sensors
- http://github.com/sdague/arwn



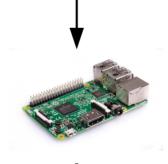


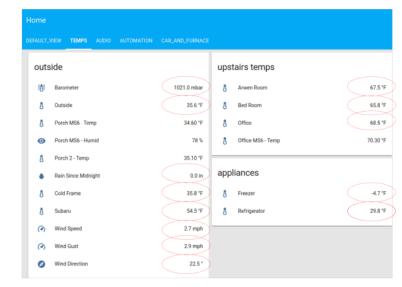




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0x0850022a9603814179 0x0d54012a96038141600304060079







mqtt: broker: 10.42.0.3

sensor 1:

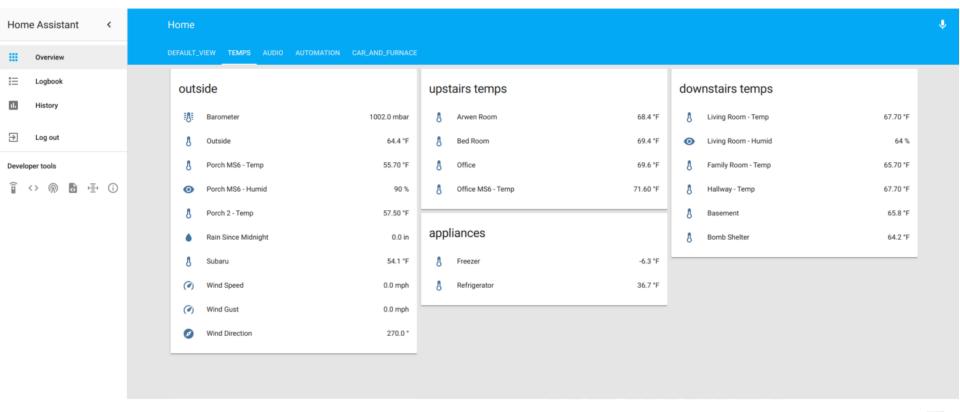




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Home Assistant - Python 3 home automation





Rain Gauge - Retain Topics

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- Self emptying bucket
 - 3 increments added based on time between bucket dumps
- Reports Rain Total
 - (10ths of mm accumulator)
- Wunderground API
 - rainin [rain inches over the past hour)] -- the accumulated rainfall in the past 60 min
 - dailyrainin [rain inches so far today in local time]

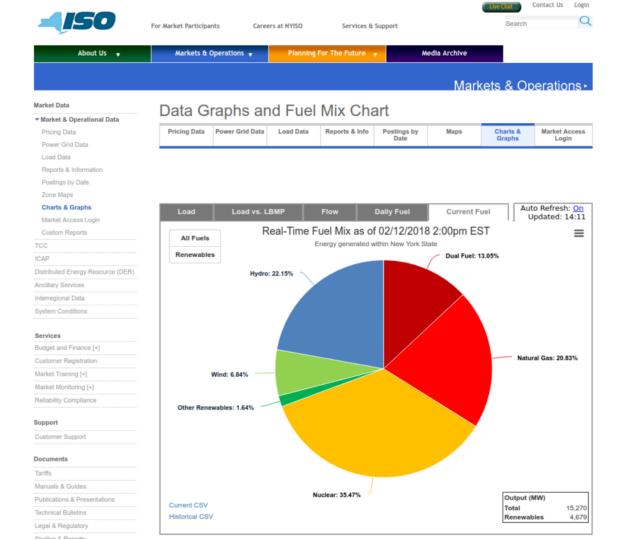


When Should I Charge My Car?



- Supports Time of Departure Charging
 - Be fully charged by a set time every day
- Time of Use metering at our home
 - Peak is 2 7pm Weekdays
 - Peak power costs 120%, off peak costs 89%
- What's the difference in power off peak?
 - What is generating the power?
 - What's the carbon intensity at different times?
- Can we make data available in real time?
 - Others might want to do things with this data





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Real-Time Fuel Mix

CSV Files	Last Updated
02-12-2018	02/12/18 14:10 EST
02-11-2018	02/12/18 00:05 EST
02-10-2018	02/11/18 00:05 EST
02-09-2018	02/10/18 00:05 EST
02-08-2018	02/09/18 00:05 EST
02-07-2018	02/08/18 00:05 EST
02-06-2018	02/07/18 00:05 EST
02-05-2018	02/06/18 00:05 EST
02-04-2018	02/05/18 00:05 EST
02-03-2018	02/04/18 00:05 EST

Archived Files (zip format) CSV Files Last Undated

CSV Files	Last Updated
02-2018	02/12/18 14:10 EST
01-2018	02/01/18 00:05 EST
12-2017	01/01/18 00:05 EST
11-2017	12/01/17 00:05 EST
10-2017	11/01/17 00:05 EDT
09-2017	10/01/17 00:05 EDT
08-2017	09/01/17 00:05 EDT
07-2017	08/01/17 00:05 EDT
06-2017	07/01/17 00:05 EDT
05-2017	06/01/17 00:05 EDT
04-2017	05/01/17 00:05 EDT
03-2017	04/01/17 00:05 EDT
02-2017	03/15/17 11:23 EDT
01-2017	03/15/17 11:05 EDT
12-2016	03/15/17 11:24 EDT
11-2016	03/15/17 10:36 EDT
10-2016	11/01/16 00:05 EDT
09-2016	10/01/16 00:05 EDT
08-2016	09/01/16 00:05 EDT
07-2016	08/01/16 00:05 EDT
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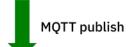


ny-power microservices architecture

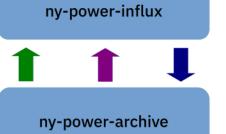


Time Stamp	TZ	Fuel	Gen MW
05/09/2018 00:05:00	EDT	Dual Fuel	1400
05/09/2018 00:05:00	EDT	Natural Gas	2144
05/09/2018 00:05:00	EDT	Nuclear	4114

ny-power-pump



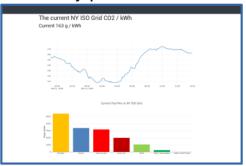
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http://ny-power.org







ny-power/archive/co2/24h {"units": "g / kWh", "values": [162.698. 163.928, 161.587 ...], "ts": [...]



ny-power/computed/co2 {"units": "g / kWh". "value": 135.088, "ts": "05/09/2018 00:05:00"}

ny-power-mqtt (access with "mosquitto_sub -h 169.60.78.157 -t ny-power/# -v")



ny-power topics

{app name}/{source}/{details}/{more details}

Allows the following subscriptions:

ny-power/upstream/fuel-mix/{fuel type} ny-power/computed/co2 ny-power/archive/co2/24h



```
// set callback handlers
   client.onMessageArrived = onMessageArrived;
   // connect the client
   client.reconnect = true;
   client.connect({onSuccess: onConnect});
    // called when the client connects
   function onConnect() {
        // Once a connection has been made, make a subscription and send a message.
        console.log("onConnect");
        client.subscribe("ny-power/computed/co2");
       client.subscribe("ny-power/archive/co2/24h");
       client.subscribe("ny-power/application/webui");
        client.subscribe("ny-power/upstream/fuel-mix/#");
   3
   // called when a message arrives
   function onMessageArrived(message) {
        console.log("onMessageArrived:"+message.destinationName + message.payloadString);
        if (message.destinationName == "ny-power/computed/co2") {
            var data = JSON.parse(message.payloadString);
           $("#co2-per-kwh").html(Math.round(data.value));
           $("#co2-units").html(data.units);
           $("#co2-updated").html(data.ts);
        if (message.destinationName.startsWith("ny-power/upstream/fuel-mix")) {
            fuel mix graph(message);
        if (message.destinationName == "ny-power/archive/co2/24h") {
@sdague var data = JSON.parse(message.payloadString);
```

var client = new Paho.MOTT.Client("mqtt.ny-power.org", Number("80"), "client-" + Math.random());

http://ny-power.org

CO2 calculated from 2016 totals (MW & Emissions Per fuel source)

Provided as MQTT stream

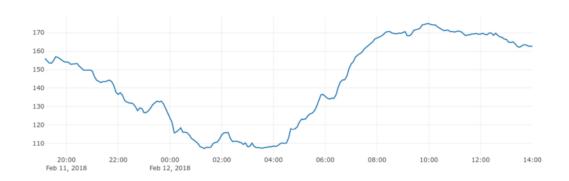
Answer: complete charging by 5am before load / NG starts ramping up

http://github.com/IBM/ny-power

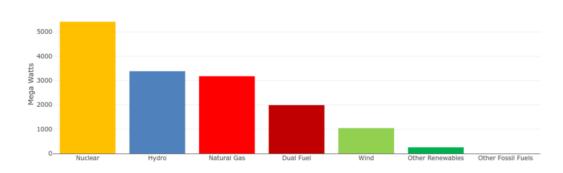
- Helm Kube application
- Core logic in python
- 5 pods

The current NY ISO Grid CO2 / kWh

Current 163 g / kWh







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Put MQTT in your toolkit

- In a world awash in data, efficient event streams are critical
- Open event streams can be a public good
- MQTT has natural growth in the IoT space
- The Pub / Sub programming makes you think of problems in new ways

Thank You!

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